GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF ADDITIONAL WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for utilization of additional water resources at lower levels in tribal sub-plan area of the country is under consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which the above project is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) and (b) According to the information received from the Ministry of Water Resources, 62 new irrigation project proposals benefiting Tribal sub-Plan areas (33 major and 29 medium) have been received in that Ministry from various States, out of which 35 projects (17 major and 18 medium) are under different stages of appraisal and the remaining 27 projects (16 major and 11 medium) have received techno economic approval from the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources, subject to compliance of a few points by the States concerned. Appraisal/clearance of the projects depends upon the promptness with which the project authorities arrange compliance on the observations of the Central Water Commission/Technical Advisory Committee/Planning Commission and obtain necessary clearances from the forest and environmental angles, and of the rehabilitation and resettlement plan for the tribal and other outstees from the concerned Ministries, wherever applicable.